

Remarks

Claims 1-6 are allowed and are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 7-15 have been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

In this Amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 7-13 from further consideration in this application. Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 7-13 is not patentable. Claims 7-13 are cancelled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the remaining claims. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue additional claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims 7-13 as presented prior to this Amendment in one or more continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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